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SUBJECT: TANZANIA: ZIMBABWE'S BID FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE
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[1](#). (SBU) Mr. Sule Sella, Acting Head of the Multilateral Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), told PolOff May 3 "to my knowledge Tanzania has not made any official objection to Zimbabwe's Chairmanship of the Commission on Sustainable Development." He noted that Tanzania normally tries to solve issues such as the UNCSD chairmanship within regional blocs, whenever possible, and not to exert influence outside of those fora.

[2](#). (SBU) PolOff stressed that while the U.S. supports the right of each region to choose its own candidate, the UNCSD Chair needs to be led by a representative who will further the goals of the organization which include land and agriculture policy reform. In particular, the U.S. is looking to Tanzania to use its influence within the Africa Group to find an acceptable alternative to Zimbabwe's candidacy. Sella agreed to discuss the issue both in MFA and with Tanzania's UN Mission in New York, saying, "I will check the temperature of my colleagues here and in New York." Post will follow-up for MFA's response the week of May 7 with Ambassador Begum Taj, Head of the Multilateral Division, who is on official travel outside the country until May 5.
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